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WELCOME TO SCENIC NEW MEGAOPOLIS! THIS USED TO BE ROBOTNIK'S HIGH-TECH TOWN UNTIL IT GOT BLOWN TO BITS. AND RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL -- THE EGG DOME!

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AND SINCE THAT THING ISN'T GOING TO COME TO ME...

MAN, THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING THE OL' EGGMAN IN HIS OLD CITY OF ROBOTROPOLIS.

WE KEPT CHASING HIM AROUND UNTIL HE SETTLED HERE. AND THEN HE WENT AND LET THIS CITY GET BLOWN UP TOO!

IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS PUTTING ALL HIS ATTENTION ON BUILDING UP THE EGGDOME BEFORE HE LOST HIS MARBLES.

AND THEN HE UP AND VANISHED. WHICH, TO ME, MEANS HE'S **GOT** TO BE HIDING IN THERE--

"--SOMEWHERE."
AND HERE YOU COME AGAIN, SONIC. THINK YOU'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK THIS TIME?
YOU COME BACK, TIME AND AGAIN, AND FIND NOTHING. YOU'LL FIND NOTHING THIS TIME, EITHER.
YOU HAD YOUR FUN WHILE I WAS AWAY. BUT NOW I WILL DICTATE THE TERMS OF OF MY RETURN. I WILL ORCHESTRATE WHAT IS TO COME.
SO RUN, RUN, RUN! RUN AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE! BUT YOU WILL NEVER FIND DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK!

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ARE YOU HONESTLY MOCKING SONIC FROM THE SHADOWS AGAIN?
GAH!
HE CAN'T HEAR YOU. THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF HIDING OUT HERE.
YES, WELL, I WAS JUST...
WAIT A MINUTE! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING IN THE ENGINE ROOM!
EEP! I-I-I-I WAS! I'M AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!
Bah! THIS IS PRECISELY WHY I PREFER WORKING WITH MACHINES. NO PESKY DEMANDS LIKE "FOOD" OR "BREATHING".
BESIDES, IT'S MY FIFTEEN MINUTE LUNCH BREAK.

THIS IS WHERE WE STARTED OUR LAST ASSAULT. ME, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND THE CHAOTIX SMASHED OUR WAY RIGHT INTO THE EGGDOME.

I ENDED UP GOING TOE-TO-TOE WITH THE FAT MAN HIMSELF. SMASHING UP HIS EGG TARANTULA WAS FUN, BUT...

...THE DOC LOST IT. I GUESS ALL OUR BACK-AND-FORTH FINALLY GOT TO HIM. IT WASN'T PRETTY.

NOT THAT HE WAS PRETTY TO BEGIN WITH. HA!

CREAK

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE'S HERE!
AFTER ALL THIS TIME-- WAITING! HOPING! STALKING!
I'VE FOUND HIM, AND I HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE!
YOU'VE RUN YOUR LAST MILE, HEDGEHOG. TODAY, YOU'RE MINE!

"RIGHT AFTER WE THOUGHT THE DOC WAS DOWN FOR THE COUNT...

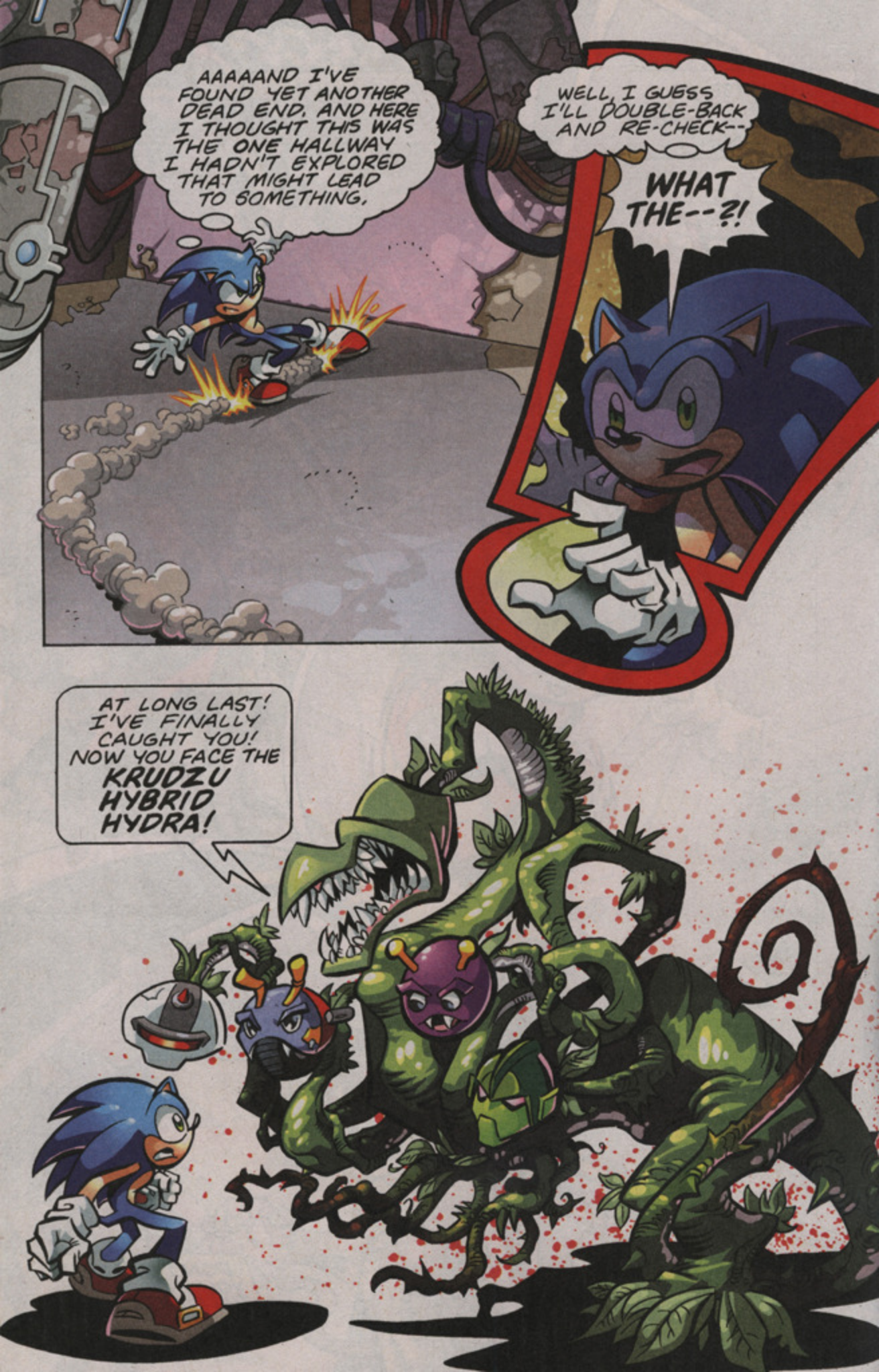
"...MONKEY KHAN CAME TO WARN US OF HIS SUCCESSORS.

"THE IRON QUEEN AND HER IRON DOMINION CAME IN AND STARTED RUNNING THE SHOW...

"...AND RAN US OUT OF TOWN. SO WE BROKE HER CONTROL OVER THE DRAGON KINGDOM OUT EAST...

"...AND THEN KICKED HER IRON BUTT. THAT STILL LEAVES LOONY EGGY AT LARGE, THO'."

DON'T TELL US YOU MISSED ALL THE FUN IN 2009?!


AAAAAND I'VE FOUND YET ANOTHER DEAD END. AND HERE I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE ONE HALLWAY I HADN'T EXPLORED THAT MIGHT LEAD TO SOMETHING.
WELL, I GUESS I'LL DOUBLE-BACK AND RE-CHECK--
WHAT THE--?!
AT LONG LAST! I'VE FINALLY CAUGHT YOU! NOW YOU FACE THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA!

SERIOUSLY, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HAPPY I AM TO BEE YOU!

WHEN ROBOTROPOLIS GOT VAPORIZED, I THOUGHT THAT WAS IT!

Er... GLAD TO MEET YOU?

OH, YOU WON'T BE! I WAS AFRAID I HAD MISSED MY CHANCE TO DESTROY YOU!

CHOMP

TARGET ACQUIRED!

HEDGEHOG: PRIORITY ONE!

GREAT GOOGLY-MOOGLY! WHAT IS THAT?!
IT'S THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA! IT SOMEHOW SURVIVED THE DISASTER IN ROBOTROPOLIS!
I BUILT THAT?
IN A SENSE-- YOUR PREDECESSOR DID. IT COMBINED MANY OF THE OLDER BADNIKS AND KILLER ROBOT IDEAS INTO ONE MONSTROUS CREATURE.
BUT IT WAS STILL IN THE TESTING STAGES WHEN OUR OLD CITY WAS DESTROYED IN THAT NUCLEAR STRIKE!
A YESTER-YEAR WEAPON THAT CAN SURVIVE ALL THAT? I WANT TO KNOW MORE...

WHILE I ENJOY THE RETRO FEEL, HOW COULD YOU HAVE SURVIVED THAT BLAST?

YES! KEEP QUESTIONING HIM, HEDGEHOG!

OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE...

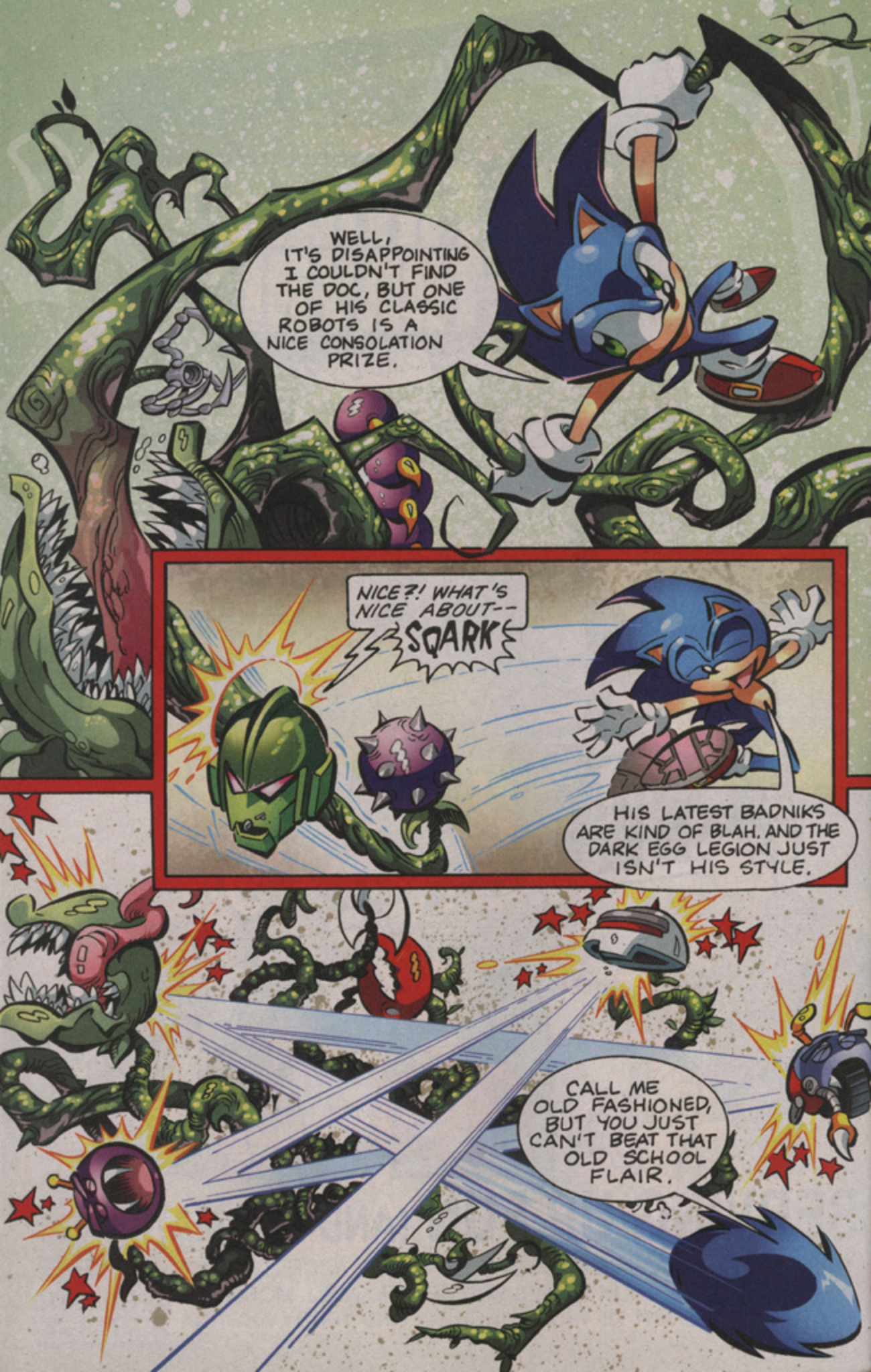
WHOP

I ALMOST DIDN'T! ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF ME AFTER THE ATTACK WAS ONE TINY ROOT BURIED DEEP IN THE EARTH.

I BURROWED MY WAY TO SAFETY, AND LIKE THE HYDRA OF LEGEND RE-GREW INTO THE FEARSOME CREATURE YOU-- HEY!

I'M NARRATING HERE!

I FOUND PIECES OF OLD BADNIKS AND INCORPORATED THEM INTO MYSELF.
SO YOU SEE, I AM THE PERFECT BAD-NIK! I CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED! AND ANY FALLEN ROBOT ONLY MAKES ME STRONGER!
BRILLIANT! SIMPLY BRILLIANT!
SNIVELY, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT THIS THING SOONER?!
ASIDE FROM THE FACT I THOUGHT IT WAS GONE?
YOU DIDN'T ASK.


WELL, IT'S DISAPPOINTING I COULDN'T FIND THE DOC, BUT ONE OF HIS CLASSIC ROBOTS IS A NICE CONSOLATION PRIZE.
NICE?! WHAT'S NICE ABOUT--
SQARK
HIS LATEST BADNIKS ARE KIND OF BLAH. AND THE DARK EGG LEGION JUST ISN'T HIS STYLE.
CALL ME OLD FASHIONED, BUT YOU JUST CAN'T BEAT THAT OLD SCHOOL FLAIR.

I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS!

THAT'S AN OLD CRABMEAT CLAW!

AND THOSE ARE BALLHOG BOMBS, RIGHTZ

THE STANDARD ISSUE SWAT-BOT BLASTER AND -- OH WOW!

--YOU'VE EVEN GOT A BURROWBOT DRILL!

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE DELIGHTED! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TERRIFIED!

DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE STILL HIDEOUSLY UGLY. AND YOU'RE ALL THE ENEMIES FROM MY CHILDHOOD, WHICH IS KINDA CREEPY.

BUT ENOUGH BEING SENTIMENTAL.
YOU'RE STILL A BADNIK, AND YOU KNOW WHAT I DO WITH BADNIKS, RIGHT?
ULP!
BZZZZ
AND THAT'S THAT. JUST LIKE OLD TIMES, ALL RIGHT!
NOT SO FAST, HEDGEHOG...

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BEING ROOTED AT GROUND ZERO DIDN'T FINISH ME! DID YOU THINK YOUR MEASLY LITTLE SPIN DASH WOULD?!

GAH!

I WAS MEANT TO BE THE END-ALL, BE-ALL SUPER-BADNIK! NOW YOU SEE WHY!

BOOM

POW

BLAM

YAY! THAT'S IT! GIVE HIM ANOTHER! I TAKE BACK ALL MY MISGIVINGS! THIS BADNIK IS FANTASTIC, ISN'T IT?

...UNCLE?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE MISSING THE SHOW!
I'M BUILDING SOMETHING TO STOP THAT MONSTROSITY.
WHAT?!
BUT THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA IS CLEANING SONIC'S CLOCK!
PRECISELY, AND ON ANOTHER DAY THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL.
BUT I'M NOT READY TO TAKE ON THE RODENT JUST YET. I WON'T HAVE SOME BY-GONE BY-PRODUCT OF MY GENIUS RUIN MY TIME-TABLE.
BUT YOU COULD HAVE SONIC DEFEATED RIGHT NOW!
I HAVE DIBS ON SONIC, SNIVELY. NO ONE WILL ROB ME OF THAT. NOT EVEN MYSELF.
AARRRGH!
NO! WHY?!

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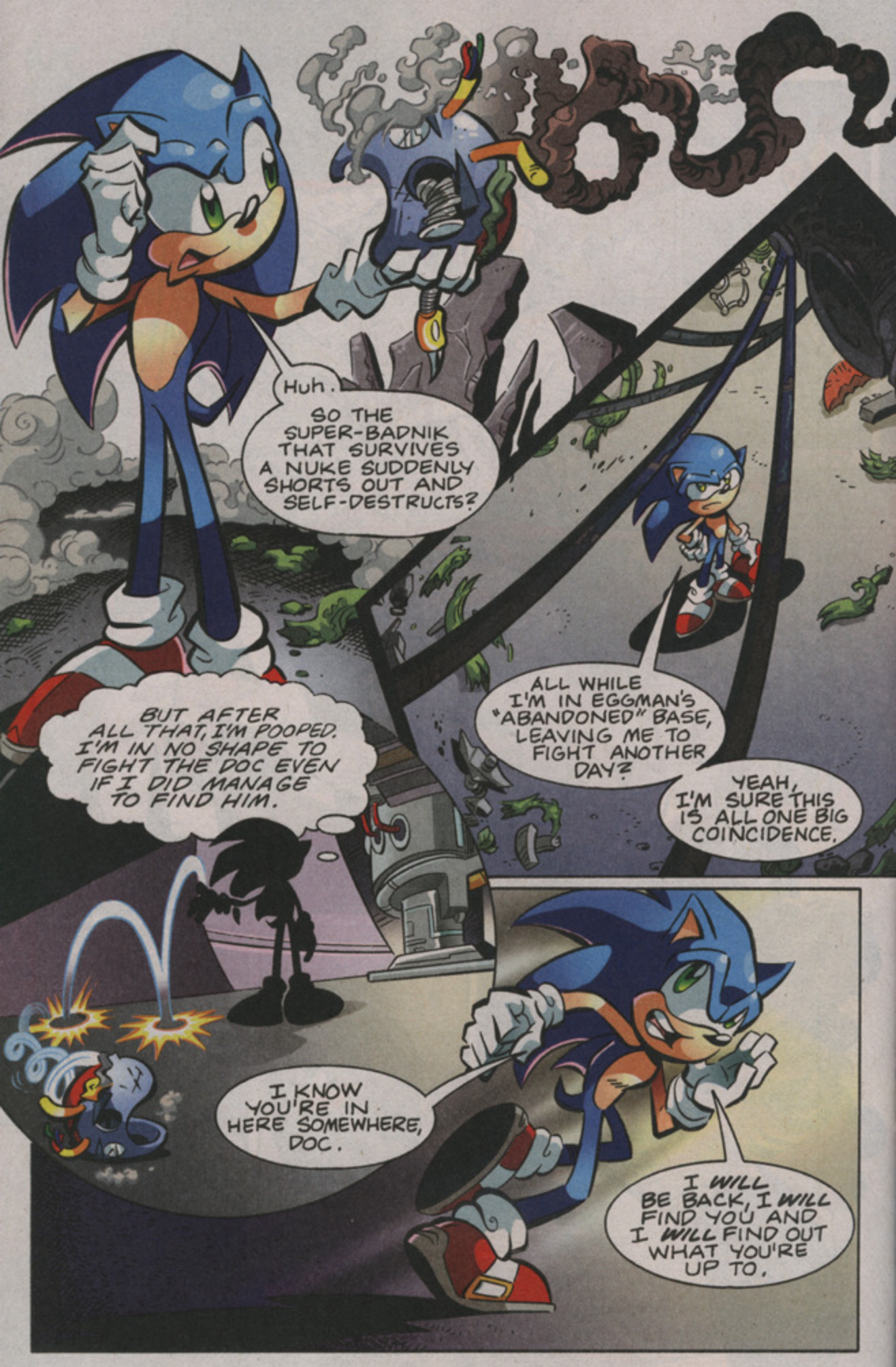
ANY LAST WORDS BEFORE I FINISH YOU OFF, HERO?
YEAH-- CROCTOBOT WAS SCARIER.
INSOLENT TO THE VERY END, eh? FINE THEN!
ENJOY OBLIVION, PUNK!

DINK!

KABLAM

POKE


Huh.
SO THE SUPER-BADNIK THAT SURVIVES A NUKE SUDDENLY SHORTS OUT AND SELF-DESTRUCTS?
ALL WHILE I'M IN EGGMAN'S "ABANDONED" BASE, LEAVING ME TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY?
YEAH, I'M SURE THIS IS ALL ONE BIG COINCIDENCE.
BUT AFTER ALL THAT, I'M POOPED. I'M IN NO SHAPE TO FIGHT THE DOC EVEN IF I DID MANAGE TO FIND HIM.
I KNOW YOU'RE IN HERE SOMEWHERE, DOC.
I WILL BE BACK, I WILL FIND YOU AND I WILL FIND OUT WHAT YOU'RE UP TO.

OH, YOU CAN COUNT ON THE FIRST, RODENT. BUT THE LATTER TWO ARE UP TO ME.

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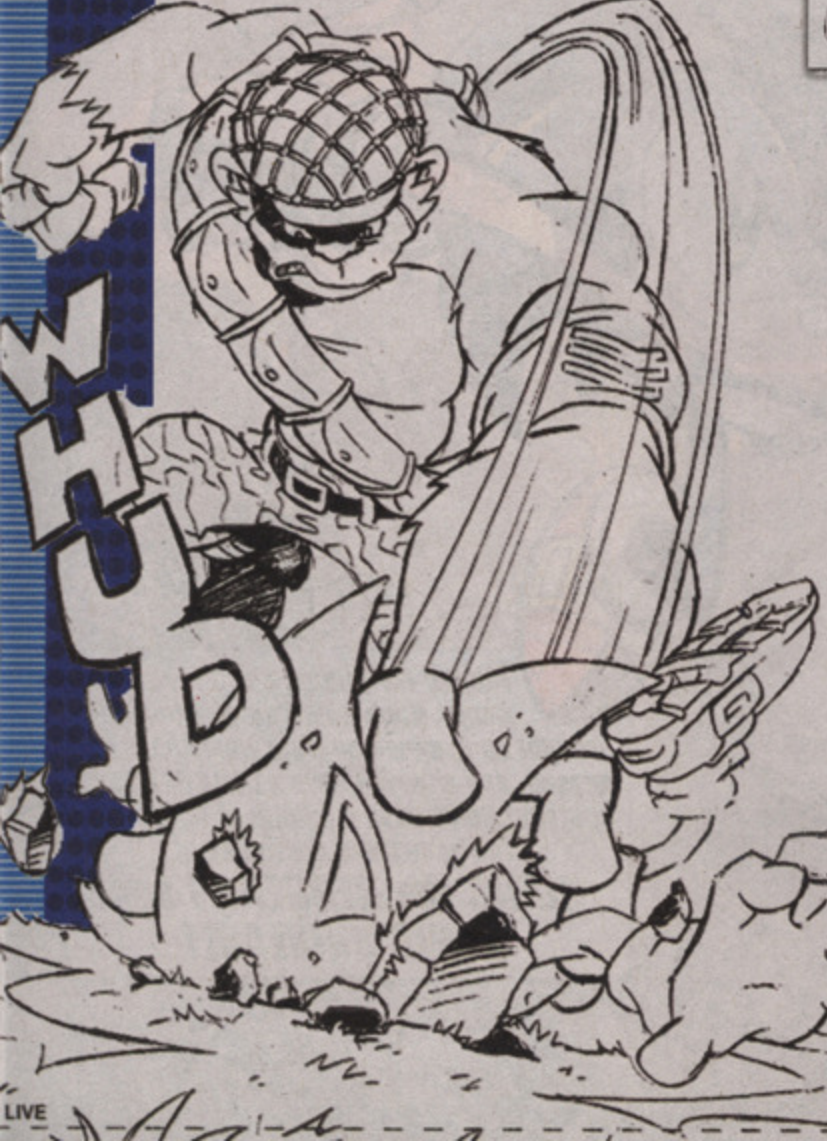

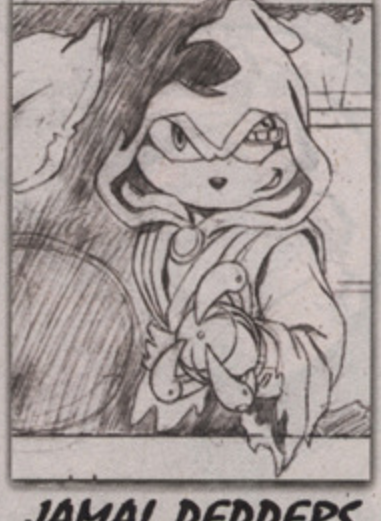

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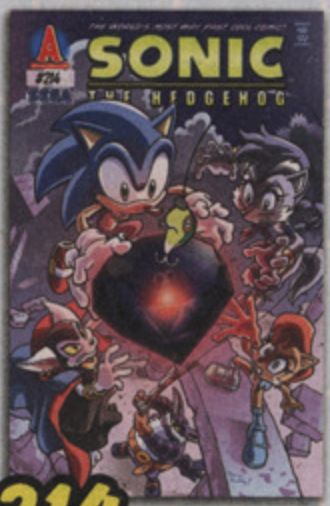

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